



Richardson Dees Primary School

# Newsletter

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### 2017

#### A Message from Mr Myers

Welcome back to our latest newsletter. What a year! Ofsted came and left happy, exciting changes around the school began, slowly but steadily and Newcastle found their way back into the Premiership - replacing Sunderland no less! (Please don't mention Middlesbrough's desperate season!)

It has been a wonderful year for me personally and one I am very proud of. For the first time in my career, I am now in the privileged position, as a new dad, of being able to say that I want for your child exactly what I would want for my own. I will not accept second best on anything and nor will our wonderfully talented and dedicated staff.

That doesn't mean we always get it right but no stone is left unturned to ensure that your child receives the very best provision they could possibly have. It's what I'll expect for Alfie Myers and it's what I expect for each and every one of our pupils in school.

Regarding our diary, there are some slight changes in our traditional end of year arrangements. For example, we will not have the usual final day assembly but rather we will spread assemblies out across the last week. We will also not be attending the beach this year but we are very excited about our school picnic day which will replace it.

Please continue to support our school. We have had some really wonderful Open Evenings in school this year but the turnouts have been a little disappointing. We welcome any feedback and suggestions and if you feel there is a way we could encourage even better attendance by parents and families, please feel free to let us know.

Please read on to find out some of the latest news from around our school. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates. You can also check our website for further information or ask in school. If you have any queries, thoughts or suggestions, you can email those to [parents@richardsondeesps.org.uk](mailto:parents@richardsondeesps.org.uk)

#### Sports Day, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

This is, as ever, subject to some reasonable weather and given that it is later in the year than usual, we will probably only have one go at it.

This year, for timetabling reasons, our older children (Years 3 to 6) will do their Sports Day *first*, on the morning starting at 930am.

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will do theirs at 130pm.

Nursery Sports Day will take place on the same day for both morning and afternoon sessions.

#### Transition Day, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

One of the things we have heard from parents this year is that they would like some dedicated time to meet with their child's new teacher so as well as continuing the morning transition for pupils, we are inviting parents into their child's new class on the afternoon to meet with the teacher.

Don't worry if you can't attend. In a few weeks time, you will be informed as to who will be teaching your child next year and that teacher will be available to discuss any questions you may have.

**Year 6 Prom Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July & Year 6 Leavers Assembly Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

These two key events for our Leavers will take place in the final week.

As has been stated, there will *not* be a final day assembly so for parents of Year 6 children in particular, their Leavers Assembly is a chance to have them sign off with a flourish.

The Prom will work exactly as it has in recent years – always such a lot of fun for those involved

**School Picnic Day (All Day) and Summer Fayre (From 2:30pm) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Picnic Day will replace our traditional beach trip. We are really excited as we hope this can grow in to a real community event.

As well as a bouncy castle, ice cream van and other activities for the children, we will have a summer fayre for which parents are invited.

Dinner for all our children will be a picnic so fingers crossed for a rain-free day!

**Whole School Important Dates For Parents (Dates & Times Subject to Change)\***

<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Y6 Kings Priory Transition Day
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Y5&6 Trip to Lightwater Valley
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Full Governors Meeting
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Churchill Open Evening for Y6 Parents 600pm – 730pm
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Churchill Transition Day 1
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Burnside Transition Day 1 Y6 Churchill Transition Day 2
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Burnside Transition Day 2 Y6 Churchill Transition Day 3
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Attendance Challenge Winners announced.
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Week
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Burnside Year 6 Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day:</b> Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 930am – 1130am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 130pm – 300pm <i>Morning</i> Nursery Sports Day 1030am <i>Afternoon</i> Nursery Sports Day 230pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole School Transition Day: Parents meet new teacher (informally, in class): 100-230pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 & 2 End of Year Assembly 930am
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3, 4 & 5 End of Year Assembly 930am Year 5 & 6 Prom 530pm – 800pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Picnic Day &amp; Summer Fayre</b> (230pm for adults) <i>Morning</i> Nursery Graduation 1030am <i>Afternoon</i> Nursery Graduation 230pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception End of Year Assembly 930am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 130pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>End of the school year; start of the Summer Holidays.</b>